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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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DEPT PASS INFO CINCPAC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, MARR, TH

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT REDEPLOYMENTS

REF: STATE 73525

1. IN MY RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND SUPREME COMMAND CONCERNING US FORCE REDUCTIONS, THEY STRESSED THEIR CONCERN FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS TO MAKE CLEAR THAI ROLE IN FORCE CHANGES. DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL WHEREBY EMBASSY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED CONSULT WITH RTG PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL THE ONE TDY A-7 SQUADRON WOULD ENABLE RTG MEET THIS NEED. IT WOULD AT SAME TIME FULFILL OUR PUBLIC PLEDGE TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF WITHDRAWALS THROUGH RTG/EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS.

2. WHILE WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE DISCUSS THIS PARTICULAR REDEPLOYMENT ACTION IN CONTEXT OF OVER-ALL PLANNING, WE SEE NO SERIOUS OBJECTION UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES TO TAKING LINE SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

3. RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED CONSULT WITH RTG PRIOR REDEPLOYMENT AND ALLOW RTG, IF IT SO DESIRES, TO ANNOUNCE REDEPLOYMENT OF THIS SQUADRON JOINTLY WITH CINCPAC PA LNO. MEANTIME THERE SHOULD BE NO OVERT PREPARATION FOR REDEPLOYMENT PENDING RTG CONCURRENCE. RE

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TIMING, GENERAL KRIANGSAK - WITH WHOM WE WOULD EXPECT TO

CONSULT ON THIS - WILL NOT BE BACK FROM BURMA TRIP UNTIL
THIS WEEKEND. MONDAY IS MAJOR
THAI HOLIDAY. WE WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH KRIANGSAK EARLY
NEXT WEEK AND, ASSUMING NO PROBLEMS ARISE, BELIEVE REDEPLOYMENT
COULD START ABOUT APRIL 20.
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